

What's NEW

A bi-weekly newsletter for Greenfield Community College staff and faculty

Nov. 27, 1989

Accreditation team chief named

Dr. George P. Connick, president of the University of Maine at Augusta, has been confirmed as the chairperson for the evaluation team that will visit GCC in October, 1990. Dr. Connick has taught history at several colleges and universities and has served as director of associate degree studies and acting vice president for academic affairs at York County Community College. He received his doctorate from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has served on 15 evaluation teams for other Massachusetts

community colleges. He also has served as consultant to numerous community colleges in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York and has published more than 20 articles and reports, as well as instructional material. Dr. Connick will visit the campus for a preliminary orientation in March, 1990, when final arrangements for the full evaluation team visit will be made. The college is currently engaged in a comprehensive internal self-evaluation from which a draft report is expected to be completed by early March.

—Dean Hyrum H. Huskey, Jr.

--And how's *YOUR* self-evaluation work going?

The President's Corner

The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas will be a critical one for GCC and other public colleges in Massachusetts. The House is expected to debate a comprehensive tax package and the future of that measure will essentially determine our fiscal situation for the next few years. This is a good time to ask legislators why they voted so readily against an unclaimed bottle bill that would have provided \$46 million in revenues, yet the next day jumped at the opportunity to eliminate tuition waivers for employees of public colleges and their families (a benefit, by the way, enjoyed by employees of almost ALL private colleges).

While you are talking or writing to your representative, here are some figures to mention:

* In 1988, Massachusetts was the only state to spend less on public higher education than it did two years ago.

* 1987 per capita spending on all public education in Massachusetts (K through college) was \$855, compared to a national average of \$931.

* 1987 per capita spending on higher education in Massachusetts was \$176, compared to a U.S. average of \$247.

In other on-campus activity, the Student Senate plans a campus Voter Registration Day on November 27, and the GCC Foundation is trying to determine how best to help the college at this critical time. While it does not see its role as "filling in" budgets cut by the state, under new President Diane Peterson, the foundation is looking at a number of ways to more actively support GCC. A long-range plan, review of fiscal policies that determine the amount of money available each year to the college, and a new, more aggressive approach to fundraising are under consideration.

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Staff Notes

WELCOME....

To **Julie Bentley** and **Deb Clegg**, who join the Unicorn (ages 4-5 years) teaching team at the Greenfield Child Care Center. Julie has a B.A. in psychology from the University of Virginia and four years of day care experience with preschoolers in South Portland, ME. Deb was a member of the Child Care Study Group at GCC. She has been a family day care provider and a Head Start assistant teacher. Deb plans to complete her associate degree in early childhood education at GCC next spring. Julie and Deb replace Betsy Franseen and Charlotte Atwood, who are now teachers in the new infant/toddler program.

To **Janet Spencer**, who joins the infant/toddler team. She has a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts in human development. She worked with Head Start for several years and has also taught kindergarten.

OF INTEREST...

Mirrless Underwood asks anyone who is anticipating the need for infant child care in December or January to call her at ext. 346. A friend of hers, former head nurse at University Health Services in Amherst and

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MoBay CC needs our help!

GCC's sister school, Montego Bay Community College in Jamaica, needs a used slide projector. The slide projector, if found, will be delivered by GCC students participating in the exchange program in January. For more info, contact Hyrum Huskey.

Political Action Group offers cards to legislators

The Political Action Group for Education is offering pre-printed postcards for students, staff and faculty to lobby legislators. See Doug Ross in Continuing Education for more info.

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retired nurse practitioner, will be moving to the Greenfield area and would like to supplement her income by providing infant child care. Mirrless describes her as energetic, intelligent, warm, non-judgmental AND a grandmother.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To **Peter Rosnick** of the math department, who has just been appointed to the Affirmative Action Committee.

To **Margaret Craig**, who has received the 1989 Honorary Membership award from the Western Massachusetts District of the Massachusetts Nurses Association. Margaret was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the MNA.

To **Joanne Hayes**, who was a seminar discussion leader for the Vermont Humanities Council Annual Conference, November 10, 11, and 12 entitled, "Reading Nature," an interdisciplinary view of nature writing, nature illustration and landscape painting.

CHECK IT OUT....

A photo of **Dick Little** of the geology department appears in this month's Yankee magazine alongside one of the renowned armored mud balls from Gill. Dick was the subject of an "Only In New England" article written by

--President's Corner

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At its November meeting, the foundation voted to underwrite the complete renovation of S01 in order to create a fine studio theater on campus. Through Jim Godwin's direction and the leadership of John Pride, the newly-renovated space, which will include improved lighting, sound and light booth curtains, floorboards as well as permanently carpeted risers and new seating, should be ready for a spring opening. This is a very exciting project during a dismal budget year, made possible only because of the foundation's commitment to GCC.

—Kay Sloan

Irmarie Jones on his work to save the geological formations from the bulldozers of progress.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

GCC media technician **Garry Longe** recently produced a documentary on the events and ceremonies surrounding the installation and viewing of the portable Vietnam Veterans' War Memorial. Sponsored by the Greenfield Patriotic Society, Veterans Service Office of Greenfield, Country Communications, GCC's Media Center and WGBY, Channel 57, the documentary was shown on Greenfield's Channel 6 on November 11.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAIL ROOM...

If you're planning a first class or third class bulk mailing in the near future, please give the Mail Room staff at least three days' notice, and one week's notice when possible... and during the busy holiday mailing period, **Diana Roberts** tells us that the following services and products are available to staff and faculty: stamps and stamped envelopes, certified/return receipt mailing, customs forms; Express Mail, insured mail, and priority mail.

Calendar

NOVEMBER 27: Slide-lecture—Pioneer Valley Institute Coordinator Louise Minks will speak on the Hudson River School at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenfield Public Library.

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 14: Exhibit—Paintings by GCC alum Lisa Houck Leary will be on display in South Gallery.

NOVEMBER 29: Brown Bag Lunch Film Series—Joseph Campbell speaks on "Sacrifice and Bliss" at 12 noon in South Gallery.

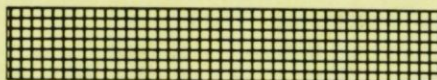
DECEMBER 6: Guitar Recital—Robert Phelps performs at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

DECEMBER 6: Brown Bag Lunch Film Series—Joseph Campbell speaks on "Love and Goddess" at 12 noon, South Gallery.

DECEMBER 7: Lecture—Artist Barry Moser will present a program entitled "A Personal Approach to Design and Illustration" at 7:30 p.m. at the college, room to be announced.

DECEMBER 13: Healthy Holiday Planning Party--10-2 in college lobby.

DECEMBER 13: Brown Bag Lunch Film Series—Joseph Campbell speaks on "Masks of Eternity" at 12 noon, South Gallery.



Quote of the Week

"Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we, as a people, can be engaged in."

Abraham Lincoln
first public speech, to the
people of Sangamon County,
March 9, 1832

--submitted by Jim Godwin